

CLAIMS

What I claim is:

1. (Currently amended)

A manual apparatus for use by an operator to slice a potato into a uniformly thin continuous spiral slice, the slice for frying as a potato chip with the apparatus functioning to cut the potato slice, with a means for slicing and a means for rotating the potato during cutting and comprising:

said means for slicing comprising a cutting element attached to a support element, the support element being attached to a common mounting element;

a means for supporting a potato, ~~[[such]]~~ said supporting means being a potato supporting guide assembled in alignment with ~~[[the]]~~ a drive spindle 2 centerline ~~and~~ ~~secured in position by a first lock nut 15~~, the farthest end of the potato supporting guide being thread connected to the cutting element support and adjusted to contact a

forward end of the drive spindle 2 at the end of the slice;

said means for rotating the potato comprising a drive support 7 which is attached to the common mounting element, serves as a means for positioning [[the]] a $\frac{3}{8}$ - 16 threaded-American Standard Uniform Thread-Form drive spindle 2;

a means for manual rotation utilizing [[a]] said threaded, -American Standard Uniform Thread-Form $\frac{3}{8}$ -16 thread drive spindle 2, in a clockwise direction, rotating a potato for cutting;

a drive nut guide 11 with a drive nut 10 assembled to it, with drive nut 10 internally threaded $\frac{3}{8}$ inch 16 thread, -American Standard Uniform Thread-Form, the drive nut guide 11 positions the drive nut 10 adjacent to the drive spindle 2 and applies manual pressure on the drive nut 10, engages the drive nut 10 threads to the drive

**spindle 2 threads causing forward motion of the rotating
drive spindle 2, the drive spindle 2 being assembled
internal to the drive support 7;**

**a means for driving with a drive element assembled at
the forward end of the drive spindle 2 ~~and secured by a
second lock nut 12,~~ the drive element transfers the
forward and rotary motion of the drive spindle 2 to the
potato thus forcing it into the cutting element to produce
a continuous spiral slice;**

**[[a]] the common mounting element as a means for
attachment of component parts including the cutting
element support, drive support 7, four support elements,
and two counter stop elements.**

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